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FROM:

SUBJECT:

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1. On 2 December 1952 I met with at his request, for the purpose of clarifying audit problems arising relative to the termination of RDR Contracts. 25X1A mentioned that he would very much like to join this organization for an overseas assignment as an attorney. He stated that in a recent conversation with a member of this Agency, he had been informed that there were four legal positions open in various parts of the world. He therefore asked me if there was any chance of himself being considered for such a position. It is his wish that he become a member of the General Counsel Staff for such an assignment.

He is a member of a law firm in Indiana bearing his name, and also a

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He stated that money is not a consideration for such a request as noted above, but that he would like the experience and felt that he possessed certain of the qualifications necessary.

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3. I told that I would relay his request to you and if there were such an opening, he would be notified. In my dealings I have nothing but the highest regard for his legal ability as a business lawyer, and I believe that he is a man of exceptionally high ethics. His motivation, though expressed in ideological terms, seems to be based primarily upon the need for a change and "adventure". I believe he would only be willing to take a two-year assignment.

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